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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 5, 2002, June 11, 2002, October 15, 2002, and December 12, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

Japanese patent document number JPB 6-6248, whose laid-open application is Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 62-088526, teaches a stage in which wafer stage 96 is driven in the X and Y directions by receiving forces from an X axis movable guide 8a and a Y axis movable guide 8b. Applicant submits, however, that this patent document does not suggest an arrangement in which first and second actuators are arranged outside of a container, which is at a vacuum or non-atmospheric pressure, which accommodates the first, second and third moving bodies.

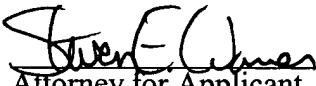
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Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		6-6248	01/26/1994	Japan			No
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		English Abstract of Japanese patent application number JPA 62-088526, published on April 23, 1987.					
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